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COMMENT OF THE DAY

AVIATION INDUSTRY

AFTER discussion of the relative merits of a Saunders-Roe three-jet De Havilland aircraft and a design based on the Bristol 200, submitted jointly by the Bristol and Hawker Siddeley companies, British European Airways are reported to have deferred decision on a contract for a new medium-range jet airliner.

The bid of the Bristol and Hawker Siddeley companies as a joint venture in considerable interest and may set the pattern for the future of the British aircraft industry. It has long been the hope of the British Government that firms would combine to form larger units, it being only a question of time before the implications of the Defence White Paper cancellations reflect themselves on the individual fortunes of aircraft companies.

New Assessments

NEW assessments are called for on the part of the industry, for the civil market is highly competitive and fast moving. The best designs are not enough. A more essential need is the ability to make the most efficient use of design, development and production on a scale and at a speed sufficient to keep models in the race for expanding world markets.

This obviously was in the minds of the Bristol and Hawker Siddeley companies in their decision to make a joint bid for the BEA contract. Earlier they were in opposition. Bristol is anxious to sell its jet engines and to make use of the experience it has won in developing the Britannia. Hawker Siddeley, on the other hand, has great resources and a number of aircraft factories which it will be anxious to employ after the backlog of existing defence orders has been worked off.

Two Reasons

THERE are two reasons why the BEA contract may help to bring realisation of the British Government's hope for larger units. One is the urgency of finding new civilian orders to replace the Defence Department's cancellations. BEA's specification—for a large jet airliner of high speed over moderate distances—looks like being within the capacity of the larger British firms. But with civil aviation demands for bigger and faster aircraft the sub-division of the industry into a score or more of individual manufacturers can, on technical grounds alone, be untenable.

Secondly, the British Government is reportedly seeking to make the placing of certain contracts conditional on arrangements between firms to ensure that the necessary technical and financial resources are mobilised. This is good counsel, but easier to give than to implement.

Lack Resources

SMALLER firms, which have been kept going largely on defence orders and possibly lack the resources to fight for a foothold in the civil market, will find themselves in a predicament. Without amalgamation, the chances are that whole factories will be put out of work and that long-established and successful design teams will have to be disbanded.

Of importance in the future is the need for a co-ordinated policy for British aviation which will enable the fruits of research and know-how to be used equally for civil and military needs. To this end, co-operation on the lines of the Bristol-Hawker Siddeley effort on the BEA contract can be a start.

An Abrupt Ice-Breaking Non-Aggression Pact

WILL THE RUSSIANS BITE?

Macmillan Plan Expected To Get Soviet Approval

LONDON, Jan. 5. Diplomats predicted tonight that Russia would quickly take up Prime Minister, Harold Macmillan's abrupt proposal for an ice-breaking "non-aggression pact" with the West.

Bonn Is Very Interested In Proposal

Bonn, Jan. 5. The suggestion made last night in a broadcast by Mr. Harold Macmillan, the British Prime Minister, that a non-aggression pact with the Russians might be tried as a way towards lessening tension has been received with lively interest in Bonn Government and political circles.

Officials were waiting for an official text before committing themselves, but the spirit of the speech, the call for "new ideas and new methods," was welcomed in official circles.

INITIATIVE
West German foreign policy experts believe the West has remained passive too long and should now go over to the initiative in proposals on disarmament and easing of tensions.

The opposition Social Democrats went further in welcoming the Prime Minister's suggestions, and their spokesman said one proposal which should form part of any new approach to Moscow on disarmament was the Rapacki plan named after the Polish Foreign Minister, Mr. Adam Rapacki, for a zone in Europe free from nuclear weapons.—Reuter.

IN PARIS...

MOLLET CALLS FOR EFFORT

Paris, Jan. 5. Former Premier Guy Mollet, leader of the powerful Socialist Party, today joined the chorus of Western statesmen calling for another effort at negotiation with the Soviet Union.

"There is the peace of collective security, of universal disarmament by discussion and accord among nations," he told a Socialist meeting in Tarbes. "We are ready for such a peace to go to every meeting to accept every rendezvous."

UNLEASH WAR

M. Mollet's speech came less than 24 hours after British Prime Minister Harold Macmillan's call for a Western non-aggression pact with Russia.

Mr. Mollet said that only the United States and Russia had enough strength to unleash war.—United Press.

In Gettysburg

A LETTER TO IKE

Gettysburg, Jan. 5. A White House spokesman said tonight that Mr. Macmillan had "in the last week or so" sent a personal message to Mr. Eisenhower.

It was presumed that this related to the British Prime Minister's broadcast suggestion yesterday for a non-aggression pact.

The spokesman, Mr. James Haggerty, declined again, as he had yesterday, to comment on the Macmillan broadcast. But he said Mr. Eisenhower would reply sometime this month to the Bulgarian letter proposing a summit conference.—Reuter.

Neutralist

It also caught Western Europe's imagination. The Macmillan plan came at a time of growing neutralist sentiment among Western Allies and a general yearning for some new approach to end the cold war.

"We must try again," the Prime Minister told his countrymen. "We could start by a solemn pact of non-aggression. It would do no harm—it might do good." He suggested the method was immaterial so long as the world moved "to clear away the rubble of old controversies and disagreements, perhaps to get the pact ready for a meeting of heads of government."

Limelight

What Mr. Macmillan said stemmed directly from the Nato conference last month in mood if not in method. But in saying it he stole some of the limelight from West Germany's Chancellor Konrad Adenauer.

Adenauer's first reaction was that "at first sight" the Macmillan plan "makes a good impression."

Russia's initial reaction was predictable and generally favourable. The Communist Party organ Pravda complained that Mr. Macmillan made "anti-Soviet remarks" but added that he "assured his listeners that the Government intends to continue to seek an agreement with the Russians."

There was no immediate Soviet comment on the non-aggression proposal—the usual sign something is under consideration.—United Press.

SAGAN BALLET EXPURGATED IN MONTE CARLO

Monte Carlo, Jan. 5. The Francois Sagan ballet "Rendezvous Marquise," which caused a sensation when it opened here last week, has been expurgated of a particularly suggestive bathroom scene for its remaining performances in Monte Carlo.

The scene, danced by Vladimir Skarlatoff and Noelle Adam before an ultra-realist decor, was dropped by special request of an emissary from Prince Rainier of Monaco.

It is understood that the palace decision was taken in conformity with an apparently forgotten article of Monaco law, which places ballet on the same footing as other shows, suitable to be performed before children.—France-Press.

Closer Understanding

Washington, Jan. 5. General Maxwell D. Taylor, US Army Chief of Staff, said today he hoped that the meeting of the Bagdad Pact military committee would result in "a closer understanding" between Bagdad Pact members and the United States.—United Press.

Three Burnt

Statesville, Jan. 5. Three children were burned to death last night when flames swept through their four-room frame house about a mile east of here.—United Press.

ONE LOST IN ALOHA SINKING

New York, Jan. 5. The National Broadcasting Company of America reported today that the Japanese vessel Bansa Maru had picked up 45 of the 46 crew members of the Panamanian freighter, Aloha, which sank north of the Philippine Island of Luzon.

The 3,692-ton Japanese vessel then headed with the survivors to Luzon, the broadcast said.

It quoted messages from Manila as saying the 6,033-ton Aloha sank less than four hours after announcing it was in distress.

HULL CRACKED

The hull had cracked and the number one hold was full of water, the messages said.

One crewman was lost, according to the broadcast. The Aloha, owned by the International Union Marine Corporation of Panama, was reported to be carrying iron ore to Japan from Singapore.—Reuter.

HONGKONG SHIP IN DISTRESS

Hamilton, Jan. 5. A Coast Guard cutter today went to the aid of the SS Sidney Broeze, a 431-foot British tanker which radioed one of its bulkhead tanks had collapsed, making navigation difficult.

The vessel reported last night it was about 570 miles northeast of Bermuda but was unable to continue its course to Newport News, Va. The vessel said it was forced to steer due South because of heavy seas.

The Coast Guard at Norfolk, Virginia, said today the cutter "Spencer" was dispatched from Bermuda and is expected to rendezvous with the tanker tomorrow. The ship said it was in no immediate danger.

The 4,900-ton vessel is registered in Hongkong.—United Press.

VILLAGERS PRAY FOR PROTECTION

Catania, Jan. 5. Villagers prayed for protection against Mount Etna volcano today as lava snaked down the mountain crest in five fiery tongues.

The prayers were recited in the village of Passopisciaro, high up on the volcano and in the direct path of one of the lava streams.

Experts said there was no immediate danger to the village, which is still nearly two miles away from the creeping danger. But the hardy village wine-growers were worried because the volcano has been in eruption almost continuously since September.—United Press.

Football Promoters Boycott Whole Town

Tipton, Jan. 5. Promoters in this foundry town in Staffordshire have been so successful that three football promoters admit today they have decided not to send them any more coupons.

The people of Tipton (population 37,000) have a "million little fish are weak." So, this season they have been betting only on fixed odds to win small amounts.

Macmillan Calls First Sunday Cabinet Meeting Since Suez

LONDON, Jan. 6. MR Harold Macmillan summoned a meeting of his Cabinet today for a final talk on outstanding business before leaving Britain tomorrow on a six weeks' Commonwealth tour.

Pressure of work compelled the Prime Minister to call an emergency Cabinet last night.

This three-hour sitting was the first Sunday Cabinet since last year's Suez crisis, and it ranged over a wide variety of foreign and home issues.

A New Plan

The Cabinet heard a report from Mr. Alan Lennox-Boyd, the Colonial Secretary, on his talks throughout the weekend with Sir Hugh Foot, new Governor of Cyprus.

Speculative reports credit the Governor with a new plan to solve the political deadlock in the British Mediterranean island colony, but authoritative sources have warned against expectation of dramatic developments, and expect no official statement before the Governor returns to Cyprus in mid-month.

The Cabinet further considered Mr. Macmillan's reply to the 3,600-word letter he received recently from Marshal Nikita Khrushchev, Soviet Premier. Sources close to the Government said the reply will not reach Moscow before Mr. Macmillan's departure, as it involves consultations with Britain's Atlantic Pact Allies.

Other Arrears

The Cabinet, which followed a luncheon meeting between the Prime Minister and Sir Winston Churchill at Chartwell, Sir Winston's home in Kent, overtook other arrears of work, and the Prime Minister hoped that after today's morning meeting he would be clear to make final preparations for his trip.

But he still had several engagements, including an appointment with the international committee of the Trades Union Congress. The leaders of the eight million strong TUC will discuss with the Prime Minister the question of hydrogen bomb tests and the carrying of H-bombs by United States aircraft from British bases.

The Prime Minister will also have an audience with Queen Elizabeth, who had to approve a decision that Mr. R. A. Butler, Lord Privy Seal and Home Secretary, will be in day-to-day charge of Government affairs during Mr. Macmillan's absence.

30,000 Miles

The Prime Minister's flying Commonwealth tour will involve over 30,000 miles travel in a huge Bristol Britannia turbo-jetliner, converted for VIP use.

During his tour Mr. Macmillan will have intimate talks with Commonwealth statesmen on international problems ranging from world disarmament to Commonwealth trade. They will have particular significance in the light of his recent attendance at the Paris summit meeting of Nato.—Reuter.

HILLARY AND PARTY AT SCOTT BASE

WELLINGTON, Jan. 6. Sir Edmund Hillary and three of his companions on the march to the Pole have returned to Scott Base from the American polar station.

Hillary, with Derek Wright, Murray Ellis and Jim Bates, returned in two United States Navy Neptunes. Hillary touched down just after 1 am today.

FIFTH MEMBER

The aircraft landed in dense fog and overran some oil drums. The second aircraft landed an hour later.

The fifth member of the New Zealand party, Peter Mulgrew, has been left at the Pole to maintain radio communications.

After reading their mail they were ready for bed, the official correspondent at Scott Base reported.

They talked a little about their arrival at the Pole, but were more interested to hear of the movements of other field parties.

HOSPITALITY

Sir Edmund Hillary and his companions spoke warmly of American hospitality at the Pole, where they slept in the polar plateau.

Sir Edmund made clear on his return to Scott Base that he is doing his utmost to establish close liaison with Dr. Vivian Fuchs on his trans-continental trek.

Peter Mulgrew, Hillary's radio operator, has stayed behind at the Pole to provide an essential radio link to the outside world for Dr. Fuchs and his team.

EQUIPMENT

At present the official correspondent, Douglas McKenzie, reported, the Fuchs party has no reliable means of passing his messages beyond the Antarctic Continent except through American channels and these are heavily engaged on their own work.

McKenzie reported that through the radio equipment taken to the Pole in the New Zealanders' "cabinets" towed behind one of the tractors, it is now expected that daily and up-to-date reports of Dr. Fuchs' position and progress can be compiled, and be sent out to the world through Scott Base radio.

Sir Edmund Hillary said at Scott Base that he was not sure when or where he would meet Dr. Fuchs.—Reuter.

Gas Explosions

Rock American City In Early Morning

Madison, Jan. 5. Four gas explosions rocked three areas of the city early today, killing an elderly couple and destroying six buildings.

The worst-hit area was west of Capitol Square on north Bassett Street, where two explosions occurred in quiet succession.

Fire Chief, Ed Page, said the blasts may have occurred first in the two-story frame home of William McGrath because the house was "leveled right away." McGrath, 63, apparently jumped from the upper floor of his flaming house. He was found with his clothing on fire by a fireman who took him to a hospital.

All Buildings

McGrath died about nine hours later. Gladys McGrath, 64, his wife, was killed instantly. A dozen persons living in the same block escaped unharm, but all the buildings except one frame house were destroyed.

On East Main Street, an auto body shop was destroyed and part of another store was burned in a separate blast. On the far east side in the city, a gas main exploded and burned, but was brought under control rapidly.

Battled Fires

About 200 firemen battled the fires through the night, bringing them under control before dawn.

Pages estimated total damage from all the blast at about one million dollars. The explosions were believed to have been caused by a mechanical failure in a gas-regulating valve which allowed an "enormously high pressure to build up," said Thornton A. Brown, Madison Gas and Electric Co. Vice-President.—United Press.

Rio Grande Flood

Dallas, Jan. 5. A violent snowstorm hit Northern Texas Sunday while torrential rains caused flooding in the valley of the River Rio Grande.—France-Press.

RAIDERS PLANT BOMBS

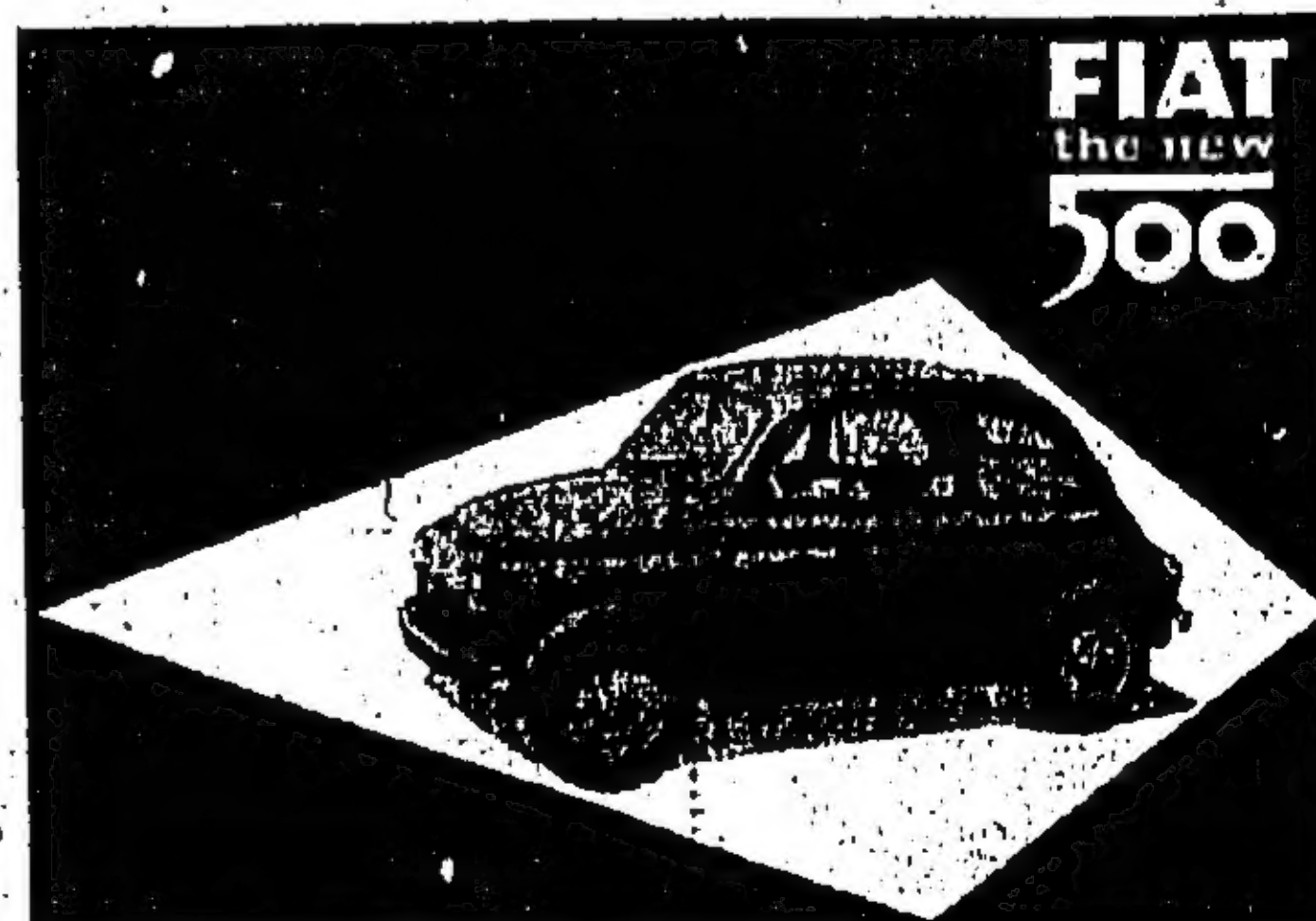
Roslan, Jan. 5. Raiders planted bombs on three roads near here today in a bid to isolate this Northern Ireland border village.

Trailers blocked on one road, where an explosion caused a crater 15 feet wide.

Smaller craters were blown in two other roads but they remained open.

This area has been the scene of frequent attacks by the outlawed Irish Republican Army during the past 14 months.—Reuter.

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'Democrats Will Plan Own Missile Programme'

THREAT TO IKE'S LEADERSHIP

WARNING: PRESIDENT MUST LEAD THE NATION IN MONTHS AHEAD—OR ELSE

Washington, Jan. 5. Senator John J. Sparkman said today the Democratic Congress would hammer out its own programme to meet Russia's missile threat if President Eisenhower failed to provide an adequate plan.

The Democratic Senate Whip, Mike Mansfield, made clear he thought Mr. Sparkman was right. But he indicated he believed it would be difficult—and possibly dangerous—for Congress to shape basic policy.

Both Senators called on the President to provide needed leadership. And they pledged the co-operation of Congress if it was forthcoming.

Washington, Jan. 5.

World's Biggest Non-Atomic Explosion

Little Valley, Utah, Jan. 5. More than 3,000,000 cubic yards of rock were blasted from a cliff here today in what was claimed to be "the world's largest non-atomic explosion in history."

The engineers used 2,138,000 pounds of dynamite to blow up a 300-foot high cliff to get rubble to build a causeway across Great Salt Lake.

The charge was set off by a battery plunger which sent a charge of electricity racing into prepared tunnelling.

Primacord, a rope-like fuse which burns at 22,000 feet per second, detonated the pockets of explosives.—China Mail Special.

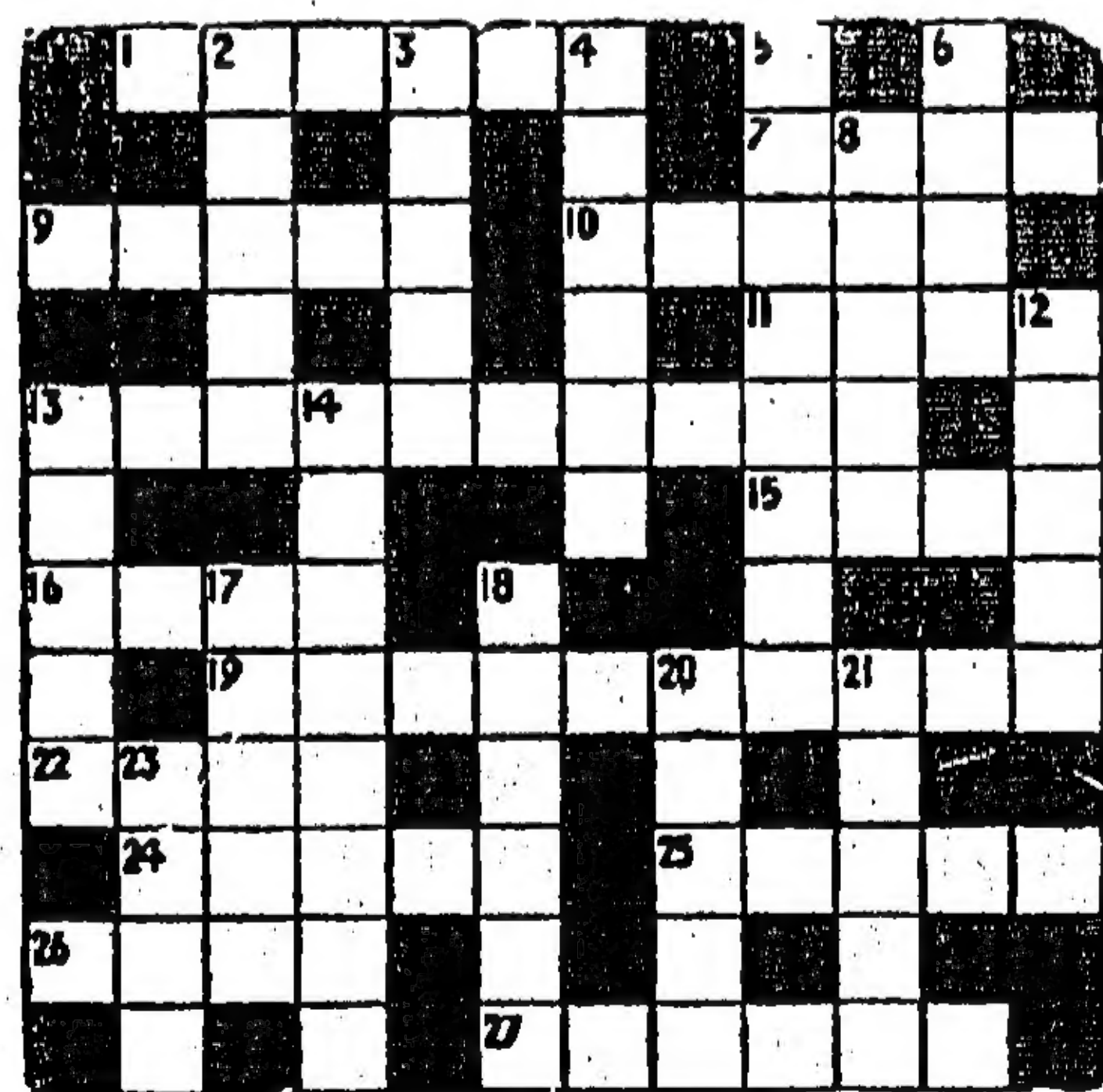
She Fell Off A Moving Train

Rome, Jan. 5. A school-teacher looking for the dining car in a dark tunnel stepped off the back of an express train today—and picked herself up virtually unharmed.

The train was travelling slowly at the time because of the risk of landslides at the tunnel exit.

The school-teacher, Eglio Abrami, 32, of Turin, stepped out of the door of the train's rear coach. She got a ride in a passing automobile to the nearest hospital.—United Press.

A British Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS**
- Remember to bring back (6).
 - Stamping tools (4).
 - Suspect's claim (5).
 - Dwelling (6).
 - Final equipment for the soldier (4).
 - He's said to have lived 989 years (10).
 - Heavy volume (4).
 - Kit in a box, maybe (4).
 - Apartment which caused a war? (10).
 - Way of moving (4).
 - Intended to convey (5).
 - Prophet, who sounds boring (5).
 - Medal struck before meals (4).
 - In the saddle in Yorkshire (6).
- DOWN**
- Continue to be (5).
 - Last word in French railway stations? (5).
 - The one to follow in the newspaper (6).
 - Worshipper of images (6).
 - Elver for golfers (4).
 - One of the U.S.A. (5).
 - A certain amount of heat (5).
 - Gigantic city figure (5).
 - What our ancestors left us (8).
 - Frenchman in England for instance (5).
 - Bits of rubbish—but only little ones (6).
 - He was home in the war (5).
 - Wind instrument (5).
 - In a frenzy (4).

SATURDAY'S SOLUTION. Across: 1. Urchin (cut), 4. Edict, 7. Saloon, 8. Using, 10. Hoar, 12. Conical, 15. Royal, 18. Sans, 17. Apex, 19. Sleat, 20. Modesty, 21. Deaf, 23. Edith, 24. Serene, 25. Dense, 26. Grappa. Down: 1. Up-steam, 2. Collared, 3. Iron, 5. Despaired, 6. Can-can, 9. Folly, 11. Rosette, 12. Caste, 13. Calcareous, 14. Lovered, 16. Poole, 22. Hear (-hear).

JAPAN'S WEATHER: WORST IN LIVING MEMORY

Tokyo, Jan. 6. MILLIONS of Japanese today shivered inside their flimsy houses as gale force winds, swirling snow blizzards and huge seas battered the country from coast to coast.

A spokesman for the National Observatory in Tokyo said Japan's present weather was the worst in living memory.

The only centre enjoying fair weather was Tokyo. In northern Japan, mountain police rescue squads continued to make slow headway in their attempts to rescue scores of skiers and amateur mountaineers trapped in the mountains.

Latest reports said 10 bodies had been dug out from beneath a number of avalanches. Eleven seriously injured persons were being slowly evacuated down mountain slopes covered with deep snow.

Tired railway officials attempting to restore some sort of order in the national communications network told Reuters: "The system is in complete chaos."

Trains were hours running behind schedule while main arterial roads were choked with stalled buses, trucks and motorcars. A National Maritime Safety Board spokesman said gales and blizzards had forced "every single ferry operator in the country to suspend their services."—Reuters.

He Lost His Appetite

Now They Know Where Those Pennies Went!

Sedgefield, Jan. 6. A 54-YEAR-OLD man admitted to hospital here suffering from "loss of appetite" was found to have 424 coins and 27 pieces of wire in his stomach, it was disclosed today.

The total weight of the "jackpot" discovered by surgeons inside him was five and a half pounds.

The coins consisted of 306 half-pennies, 20 sixpences, 17 threepenny pieces, 11 pennies and four shillings—total value £1. 17s. 5d.

"Human Money Box"

The "human money box" is to be described in the British Medical Journal as an exceptional surgical case.

He is a mental patient who for a long time was paid 2s. 6d. weekly in pocket money. He always insisted on being paid in small coins — and now the authorities know where the change went.

Today he is eating heartily again — but he will not get the money back that he swallowed.

A hospital spokesman said: "The coins are crown property. They will not be returned to the patient."—China Mail Special.

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I AM AN OPTIMIST says Krushchev

THE BASIS FOR FRIENDSHIP IS TRADE

MR KRUSHCHEV has these words to say today about world affairs: "I have always been an optimist. Today I am more optimistic than ever. All the signs point to the fact that the prospect for peace is brightening."

He said this in a 75-minute talk with the Editor of the Daily Express in the office of the Communist Party Central Committee building in Moscow.

Which British statesman did he think had the most understanding about developing better Anglo-Soviet relations? Mr Krushchev chose Sir Anthony Eden. "In my opinion he also knew what road should be followed to achieve this," he said.

Surprisingly, he made no remark about H-bombers or rocket-bases. Throughout the interview he made only oblique references to the United States.

When he was asked what British action would most help relations between the two countries, he said: "The basis of better relations between our two countries is trade."

That was the main theme of his talk.

FIRST then, here are his words about Anglo-Soviet trade, in full:—

THE most important factor in improving Anglo-Soviet relations is trade.

You British are a realistic people. We are realistic as well. Britain has reached a high level of development in indus-

try, science, and art thanks to the creative activities of her talented and industrious people. Britain to a large extent lives on trade.

Britain is interested in the further development of trade, including that with the Soviet Union. We on our side are willing for this and we could be very profitable trade partners.

Our country could buy from you many industrial products which are made so well by the British. Britain could also buy from us industrial products which she needs.

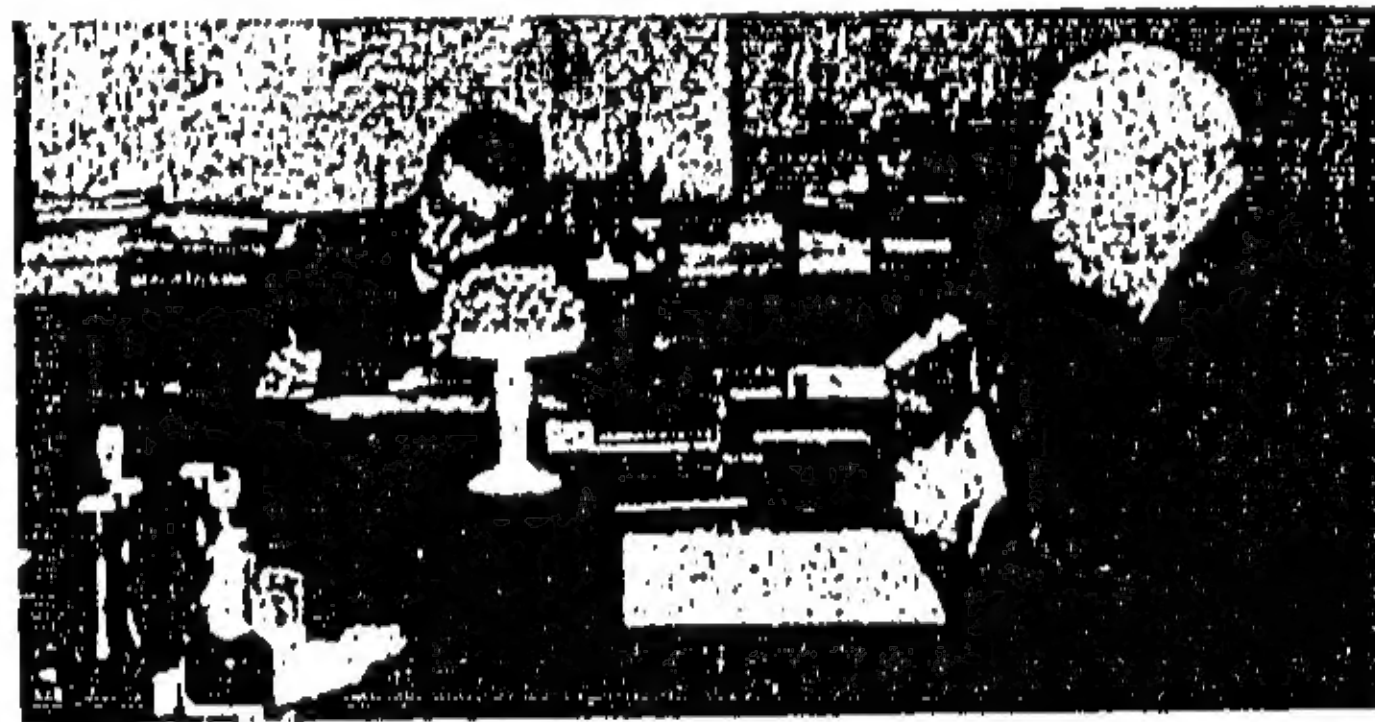
IT'S ANNOYING

Most important, she could buy from us raw materials because her economy depends on imported raw materials.

Thus we could successfully, and with benefits to both sides, develop our relations and consolidate the friendship between our peoples.

But the development of Anglo-Soviet trade demands the

THIS WAS THE SCENE ACROSS THE TABLE



Reading from left to right: Bottles of mineral water and fruit juice; Mr Krushchev's interpreter from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs; tray of alone grapes (Mr K's opening joke was to say: "You'd break your teeth if you tried to eat them"); and Mr K. himself.

elimination of discrimination and limitations.

When we are told: "You can buy this from us but you can't buy that," then this annoys us so much that we sometimes refuse to buy items which in normal conditions we would have bought.

We are a proud people. We do not like to humiliate ourselves.

We do not like to enter a shop where they tell us we can buy one type of goods but not another, and that the latter type can only be bought by the Nato countries.

In connection with this, I would like to add just this: It is said that it is not possible to trade freely with the Soviet Union because one must not reveal defence in us; secret, that one must not sell them the so-called strategic goods.

Such arguments are indefensible. We do not need to import materials from the West for the development of our defence industry.

OUR SKILL

The Soviet Union created the H-bomb earlier than America,

to eliminate it not only between Britain and the Soviet Union but in all trade relations between all countries of East and West—then it would be very useful and make international trade more normal and help the cause of peace.

Do you intend to buy more consumer goods in Britain?

THIS is quite possible. We are developing our consumer goods industry, but we are also buying such goods in other countries, and we would be able also to buy some consumer goods in your country.

I suppose that our trade could be developed on this basis:—

The Soviet Union could buy from Britain equipment for the manufacture of certain types of consumer goods.

In the agreement, provision could be made that the firms which provided this equipment, or other British firms, would also sell us during a specified period of time and in agreed quantities, the actual products of such equipment.

But you must understand that the Soviet Union is a highly developed industrial country. Therefore we do not seek to satisfy our needs in industrial consumer goods by importing from other countries.

though the Americans, helped by the British, were the first to create the atom-bomb.

The Soviet Union was the first, earlier than the West, to create the ICBM.

The Soviet Union was the first, before others, to launch an artificial earth satellite.

These things prove that our technology are on a very high level—in any case, not lower than that, for instance, of Britain and the United States.

Therefore the arguments that for security reasons, strategic materials must not be sold to the Soviet Union are completely unfounded.

The policy of discrimination offends us and is a hindrance to the development of trade. We must liquidate this discrimination.

These artificial barriers, which harm more than anyone the British themselves.

If this discrimination can be liquidated, naturally this would contribute to the improvement of economic relations and to the political atmosphere, not only between our two countries but also between other countries.

QUESTION

THE progress of Anglo-Soviet trade has been a real disappointment to the British public. We had hoped for a swifter increase.

I know from personal experience that there is a feeling in the British industry that there has been a lack of enthusiasm on the part of the Soviet Union.

Is discrimination really the only obstacle to the development of Anglo-Soviet trade?

Mr. KRUSHCHEV

YES, I consider it the only obstacle. There are no others.

I should like to make a small correction to what you said just now.

I know that in British trade circles there is a great desire for trade with us.

Representatives of business circles understand that it is to their advantage, but the Government circles, by certain administrative measures, hold them back.

Thus it is that industrialists and business circles want to trade with the Soviet Union yet your Government apparently is bound up by a common agreement with Nato countries.

By keeping to this agreement the Government sacrifices the interests of your own industry and ignores the interest of the British people.

If this obstacle to the development of trade could be removed—and it is necessary

KAPUTNIK NUMBER TWO



Our country produces such goods and will continue to develop their production further.

But the Soviet Union is quite willing to buy from Britain certain predetermined quantities of consumer goods in which we are interested. And all the more so because Britain has a world reputation and if the goods bear the British hall-mark, they are considered to be guaranteed of high quality.

QUESTION

IN a recent interview you said that the Soviet Union was planning to catch up with the American standard of living in 15 years.

When do you think the standard of living in the Soviet Union will equal that in Britain?

Mr. KRUSHCHEV

EXCUSE me, but you put me in a rather embarrassing position with your question.

We consider that of all the capitalist countries, the United States has achieved the highest level in overall production and in per head production.

That is why we have given ourselves the task by using the advantages of the Socialist system, of catching up and overtaking the United States, the country with the highest level of production.

I have not got at the moment the necessary data to compare our level of production with yours, and I admit that I have not thought about the problem of when our country will catch up with England—and in what category of goods this is to be done.

In overall volume of production—and even, one can say, in the majority of products—we have already overtaken Britain.

For example, we have done this in the production of coal, pig-iron, steel, electric energy, and machine-building.

I suppose you have in mind the production of consumer goods per head of population. In certain types of products the British "per head" production is higher than that in the U.S.S.R., but lower than in the U.S.A.

In the "per head" production of other types of goods we shall overtake England earlier than the U.S.A.

As for overall volume of production, I repeat that we have long ago overtaken Britain.

I should like to add that in comparing levels of production and levels of consumption in our countries, we must have in mind that in Britain the per head production of industrial goods is very different to per head consumption.

This is understandable, for an important quantity of British industrial goods—and the same, to a lesser degree, is true of the U.S.A.—are exported all over the world and the home population only consumes part of the goods produced.

Therefore the per head production of industrial goods in Britain and the United States is as a rule considerably higher than the per head consumption.

In addition, the capitalist system in Britain, the U.S.A., and other countries distributes these goods unequally and thus consumption is unequal.

There are thus large contrasts between the standard of living of people with means and those without.

Under Socialism this is not so. Our system guarantees considerably greater equality in the living standard of the entire people, and this must be kept in mind.

TOMORROW

Eden knew the road

The evidence is most conclusive!



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CHAPMAN PINCHER says:



Muller's Warning

PROFESSOR HERMAN MULLER

THE No. 1 expert on heredity, warns the world that new medical advances will enable any nation ruthless enough to suppress the human ideals of love and family life to breed a race of super-man.

What happens? This fantastic statement with all its monstrous implications is shrouded off without comment or challenge as more science fiction from the "longhairs," though science fiction Sputniks are at this moment circling the earth.

Let me reiterate Muller's warning as loudly as I can before it is pushed out of the world's punch-drunk consciousness by the next political crisis or atomic horror.

It is vital—

His claim is not exaggerated. I have seen the laboratory experiments which make it possible. I have talked with the doctors and scientists who are doing them.

Only the vigilance of individuals who value freedom and human dignity will prevent these discoveries being misused as the findings of the atom pioneers have been debased for destructive purposes.

So it is vital that everyone should realize how far these strange experiments have gone and where they could lead.

The first practical step towards the Brave New World prospect of super-men has already been taken in Britain—the establishment of artificial insemination as a successful method of producing normal, healthy babies.

Specially selected anonymous men are serving as donors to childless couples and fathering children they never see.

The medical techniques are so advanced that one donor could father several thousand children in his lifetime if enough women were willing to bear them.

There is one serious scientific weakness in this system as a means of racial improvement. To appreciate it let us examine the findings of animal breeders who have more than a century of experience.

Farmers have learned that it is not possible to ensure that an animal will be above average however carefully its parents are chosen.

Even with cattle the mechanism of inheritance is so complex that its results are not consistently predictable.

Thus a dairy bull with the most impressive pedigree may fail to pass on to his daughters the high-milking qualities of his mother.

The only way to find out whether a pedigree bull is worth using on a big scale is to wait until some of his daughters grow up and then measure their milk yield.

The mechanism of human heredity is still more complex especially with respect to intelligence. So it would be even more necessary to adopt the wait-and-see system before selecting any donor to be the father of several thousand children.

Normally such a father would be elderly or dead by the time his "prototype" children were old enough to have their merits fully assessed.

But science has already devised a practical means of overcoming this limitation. It is now possible to store male fertilising material in the deep freeze for years and possibly for centuries.

This method, developed by a team led by Dr. Alan Parkes at

the National Institute for Medical Research, Mill Hill, is already in regular use at artificial insemination centres for cattle.

Bulls which have been dead for up to two years are still fathering normal healthy calves.

A nation!

For those who doubt that this would ever be applied to humans, I can report that three women who agreed to undergo artificial insemination with deep-freeze material have already given birth to normal children in a U.S. hospital.

Considering these established facts it is not difficult to foresee the day when man is engineering for physical and mental qualities might as chosen as "calves of the Nation" and continue to produce super-quality children long after they are dead.

A national card-index system could keep the dangers of inbreeding in check.

The weakness in such a plan is that it ignores the mothers who are equally as important in heredity.

Here again British scientists have already come up with a workable solution. It is now possible for selected females to donate their reproductive cells for transplantation to other females which merely serve as incubators for the young, and give birth to them.

By hundreds

This process, called "artificial ovulation," has been achieved with rabbits, sheep, and cattle. Thus, one sheep at a Cambridge research station has given rise to 11 lambs in one season instead of the usual two. Its offspring are normal except that they bear no blood relationship to the incubator mothers which

nourished and gave birth to them.

The scientists are in no doubt that this process could be applied to human beings so that one woman could give rise to several hundred "proxy" babies in a lifetime.

Selection of a corps of outstanding women as "Mothers of the Nation" is therefore medically feasible. The remaining women? They would serve as the incubators.

As with the fathers, this system could not be relied upon to improve the race unless the ability of each woman to pass on desirable features could be checked by examining a few "prototype" children.

Once more science has anticipated the requirement. The ovary tissue which produces the female cells can also be stored at deep-freeze temperatures and can then be grafted into another female.

The difficulties of prolonged storage are greater than with the male material, but will be overcome. Then women too will be able to give rise to children long after they are dead.

Safeguard

Professor Muller is clearly right in warning that the scientific requirements for the cold-blooded creation of a "super-man" population already exist.

As I see it there is only one natural safeguard to prevent this happening.

The desire to produce and nurture children is the strongest of all human drives and the most difficult to catalogue.

Perhaps no State will ever be strong enough to suppress the virility of its men or the deep maternal longings of its women.

• BY • THE • WAY •

by Beachcomber

IT is my custom, at this season, to wish all salmon a happy new year. The wishes are more heartfelt this year, as I read the salmon are to be wiser for so long, so the having been caught once, they may more easily be caught a second time.

If the idea is used for other kinds of fish—always excepting whales, which require a different technique—the necessity of river banks will have to be considered. I can see rows of men, ear cupped in hand, little dreaming that some riparian rogue or nocturnal poacher has unwired the quarry on the fly.

Literary anecdote

FISH talk always reminds me of the anecdote in Mr. D. B. Wyndham Lewis's "Life of Robert Browning." Browning took Mrs. Browning to a restaurant in Chelsea, and ordered place. He was informed that they had none. Turning to Mrs. Browning with a smile, the poet said, "Never the time and the place and the loved one all together."

Another courteous document

THE Post Office campaign for courtesy is spreading. Here is a demand from a Gus Company:

The gentleman to whom you were gracious enough to afford facilities for reading your charming motor reports to us as under: It is such a pleasure to serve you, that we sometimes feel that we ought to be paying you for the privilege. But, joking apart, the best, to employ a homely phrase, is on the other foot. Yours, to be precise. You can imagine how repulsive it is to us to mention a sordid financial transaction. Perhaps the memory of all the delicious meals our gas has provided may help to soften the blow.

Mr. Fluff's evidence

GOOSEBOOTE: Now, Mr. Fluff, where were you on the evening of March 23, at 5.27?

Fluff: In the Jolly Gravel-diggers, drinking.

GOOSEBOOTE: What happened then?

Fluff: I went on drinking.

GOOSEBOOTE: And then?

Fluff: Same again.

GOOSEBOOTE: Really, Mr. Gooseboote, need we go into all this?

GOOSEBOOTE: Fluff, at some time on that evening, the Baron

entered the lion. Is that not so, Mr. Fluff?

Fluff: Yes.

GOOSEBOOTE: What occurred then?

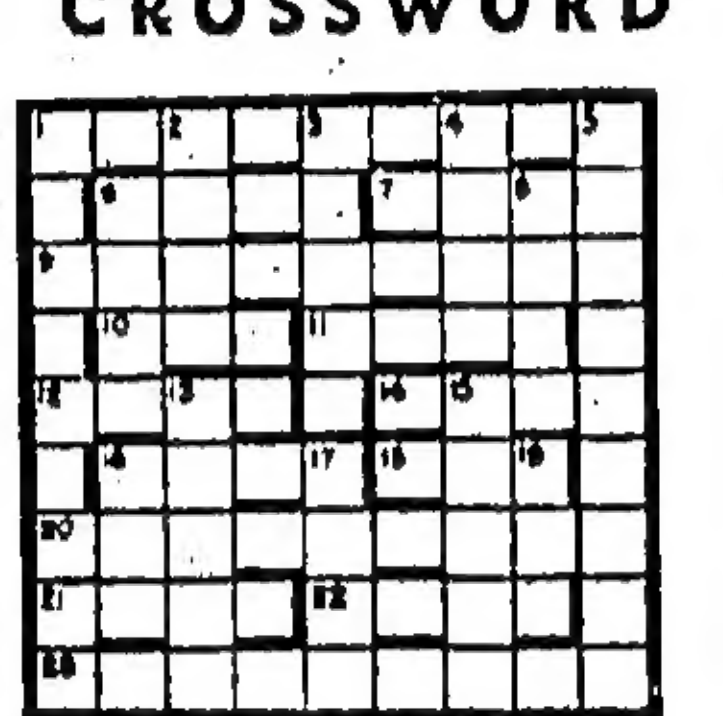
Fluff: We went on drinking.

Conversation in a bar

"WHAT would you do," asked Vita Brevis, "if I lost all my money suddenly?"

"Having procured the name and address of the man you lost it to," said Foulencough, "I should at once get into a card-game with him—which is more than you would do if I suddenly lost all mine." "I suppose," said Vita, "you do really think that, by persisting, you will one day induce me to marry you." "At any rate," retorted the warrior, "you would know all my faults—a useful thing in marriage. But if you ever marry someone else I hope it will be a rich man with no card-sense, and that he will have many a friendly bout over the green baize."

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• JACOBY •

ON BRIDGE

Doubled Bid Troubles South

By OSWALD JACOBY

DELBERT WAHL of Rochester, N.Y., sent me today's hand.

South's opening club bid is normal and West chose to double. Everyone passed and on the play developed South was able to make only five tricks: the ace-king of diamonds and the ace-king and a small trump. While a 500-point penalty is not a real tragedy it did represent a rather large loss since East and West could not make a game and there was considerable discussion about how North

could have escaped the ax.

South contended that North should have seen the danger and bid one heart right over the double while the others thought that South should have run out to one diamond when East left the double in.

To start with, North's pass was the correct bid. He did have some fear that the one club double would stay in but it is unusual for this to happen and a run-out to one heart or one diamond might just have been the start of real trouble.

So East's pass left South in a tough spot. He chose to stay in his trouble at one club but really should have tried to get out by bidding one diamond. This might have proved a leap out of the frying pan and into the fire but the point is that South knew he was already in the frying pan. A leap might have landed him in a hotter spot but it also could get him out of trouble and certainly was worth trying.

North

802
9782
1087

West

AKQJ3
AQ3
32
042

East

1054
84
QJ4
QJ1098

South (D)

97
K105
K965
AK53

Both vulnerable

South West North East

1 Pass Double Pass Pass

Opening lead—AK

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WOMANSENSE

DOES AUNT EMMA REALLY LOOK LIKE THAT!

Those chocolate box smiles make me mad



I LOVE a big clutter of family portraits. If I had a grand piano like the Duchess of Marlborough's I'd load it with pictures, the way she does, even if the rattle of silver frames did distract the pianist.

Who cares about the pianist—or the dusting?

I always enjoy the crazy exchange of portraits that goes on in my family at Christmas.

MY ONLY QUIBBLE

It's one up on greetings cards for any family that prefers not to gather, in the flesh, under one roof, for Christmas.

My only quibble is that my lot of pictures, crowded on a sofa table and the mantelpiece, look so

exactly—uncannily—like my next-door neighbour's. And for that matter—excluding the coronets—the Duchess of Marlborough's.

Do you find the same thing? That the women all tend to look as if they were photographed in the same year, by the same man, wearing the same string of pearls—having just left the same hairdresser?

That the men all look as if they were bowler hats and work in offices—even the jolly layabouts who never do anything except go to the races?

SO AFRAID

I talked to our top specialist photographers about this business of portraits, and how we can put more pep into them. "Look here," I said to JOHN FRENCH, brilliant photographer of glamorous women, "I know we can't all look like your model girls, but is there any way we

can look less like Lady Hamilton on a box of chocolates?"

French blames the sitter. "You are so afraid a portrait will 'date'—whereas, to be exciting, a portrait should date. Look at those Augustus John paintings of girls in slinky dresses, sitting on bar stools, sulking over long cigarette holders. They were wildly contemporary in their time, and people still love looking at them."

IGNORE RULES

"I suggest that a girl should prepare for the camera as if she is going to a party. Forget the old portrait rules about looking simple and natural. 'Wear heavy make-up, a darker lipstick, too much eye make-up. The Queen has recently learned to emphasise her mouth and eyes for the camera.'"

"If you look good with a tangled hair-style, wear it, but whatever happens, wear it. Look like a girl who is just before a bit of fun. Photographers have a weakness for a wisp of tulle round the shoulders. Resist this, unless you are 18 and it's for mother. A mass of beads, or big earrings, which suit the shape of the face, are more exciting."

DISAPPOINTING

The hardest thing is to get a man to wear his gaudy sweater or his cricket shirt for a portrait. It's even harder to make him smile.

"Any wife who can persuade him to be photographed informally helps. The man with the camera to get a better picture."

Now to the pictures—which give most pleasure of all—the children. My son is marvellous and unique... as I expect yours is. It's so disappointing when he turns out looking just like a body's wife's.

TONY ARMSTRONG JONES, the cameraman currently besieged by society mamas—as I do when I survey all the little Lord Fauntleroy in my picture gallery—that we could have much more fun with pictures of children. He was delighted with one he took last week of a small girl in pyjamas sliding down a banister.

"Children are great actors," he said. "They don't mind rehearsing. I said to the child on the banister: 'Imagine some dreary grown-up is half-way down the stairs—and doesn't know you're coming.' She appreciated the situation—and gave me a blissful expression—a mixture of anticipation, mischief, and joy."

One way to make sure you get a natural shot is to have your child photographed at home. Says Armstrong Jones: "Never take a child to a studio among all those terrifying lights and machinery if you can help it."

Armstrong Jones finds that all the children he has photographed—from Prince Charles looking at a globe of the world to a small worldly-wise boy hanging around a dustbin in an alley—respond best to adult talk and adult diversions.

Next time I make a date with our local camera artist I shall mention some of the tips I've picked up from the specialists. But, knowing our man, I wouldn't be surprised if I wound up with happy snaps of the four-year-old sitting on a bar stool with a gun and tonic and me sliding down the banister.

At least, we'd stand out—on my wife's grand piano. Express.



by SYLVIA

LAMOND

YOUR BIRTHDAY ... By STELLA

MONDAY, JANUARY 6

BORN today, you of the fair sex are apt to differ quite widely from the 'normal' sex in the outward expression of your basic characteristics. You women are highly intuitive; you men are on the side of impulsiveness—and there is a definite difference, as a rule, in the results you women are original, ingenious and inventive, always willing to try out something new or different. You men are highly practical and will test everything before trying out anything new.

You men are egotistic and although you see the line as far as ethical practices go, you are shrewd when it comes to closing a deal. You protect your own business interests at all costs, and too often, perhaps, it is in any measure—to the end—especially if you consider the results of great importance. This tends to make you a little calculating. It wouldn't hurt a bit for you to be a little more humane in your contact with others.

Among those born on this date were: Paul Gustave Dore, French artist; Charles Sumner, reformer; Carl Sandburg, poet and historian; Felix Morley, author and educator; Thomas Chittenden, Vermont statesman; Edward Porcellian, educator; and Joseph Holt, jurist and administrator.

To find what the stars have in store for you tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 7

LEO (July 23-Aug. 23)—Take the lead today and exert your efficient personality. You can get a lot done if you get an early start.

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)—An adventurous day when you may be tempted to take the long change. If you want you might just pull it off, too.

LIBRA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23)—A day when friendly contacts can bring unexpected results. You can further your professional ambitions.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 23)—All indications point to an all-out day for action. But be on guard and ready to face the unexpected.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 22)—Established projects as well as unexpected happenings will crowd today's calendar. Be on your toes.

Capricorn (Dec. 23-Jan. 20)—Handle partnerships and professional deals. Be sure everything is on the up and up. Exert caution.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—Test all new ideas for their soundness and practicality. Super-Bel outlook can prove misleading.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20)—A day for positive action. Get an early start on an important project and stay with it all day. Get results.

Aries (Mar. 21-Apr. 20)—For you, definitely a day of action, but make sure before you start to move in the right direction.

Taurus (Apr. 21-May 21)—You can make life easier in your chosen profession if you set your objective fully before you and then stick to it.

Gemini (May 22-June 21)—Make positive that there are no uncertainties which can upset previously made plans, then force ahead.

Cancer (June 22-July 23)—All manner of activity is open to you, provided you are in good health, so protect it well. Take no risks.

♥CARDSENSE♥

Q—The bidding has been:

North East South West

1♥ Pass 2♦ Pass

You, South, hold:

8 7 ♠ K J 6 Q 10 9 8 5 4 A Q J

What do you do?

A—Bid four hearts. Your partner has shown at least five hearts and better than a minimum opening.

TODAY'S QUESTION

Your partner bids five hearts. What do you do now?

Answer Tomorrow

TARGET

W I H
F O N
H G L

HOW many words can you make from the letters W, I, H, F, O, N, H, G, L? Each letter may be used only once in each word.

Answers to yesterday's puzzle: 1. Wagon, 2. Fowl, 3. Hail, 4. Gilt, 5. Ligh, 6. Fowl, 7. Wagon, 8. Fowl, 9. Hail, 10. Gilt, 11. Ligh, 12. Fowl, 13. Wagon, 14. Fowl, 15. Hail, 16. Gilt, 17. Ligh, 18. Fowl, 19. Wagon, 20. Fowl, 21. Hail, 22. Gilt, 23. Ligh, 24. Fowl, 25. Wagon, 26. Fowl, 27. Hail, 28. Gilt, 29. Ligh, 30. Fowl, 31. Wagon, 32. Fowl, 33. Hail, 34. Gilt, 35. Ligh, 36. Fowl, 37. Wagon, 38. Fowl, 39. Hail, 40. Gilt, 41. Ligh, 42. Fowl, 43. Wagon, 44. Fowl, 45. Hail, 46. Gilt, 47. Ligh, 48. Fowl, 49. Wagon, 50. Fowl, 51. Hail, 52. Gilt, 53. Ligh, 54. Fowl, 55. Wagon, 56. Fowl, 57. Hail, 58. Gilt, 59. Ligh, 60. Fowl, 61. Wagon, 62. Fowl, 63. Hail, 64. Gilt, 65. Ligh, 66. Fowl, 67. Wagon, 68. Fowl, 69. Hail, 70. Gilt, 71. Ligh, 72. Fowl, 73. Wagon, 74. Fowl, 75. Hail, 76. Gilt, 77. Ligh, 78. Fowl, 79. Wagon, 80. Fowl, 81. Hail, 82. Gilt, 83. Ligh, 84. Fowl, 85. Wagon, 86. Fowl, 87. Hail, 88. Gilt, 89. Ligh, 90. Fowl, 91. Wagon, 92. Fowl, 93. Hail, 94. Gilt, 95. Ligh, 96. Fowl, 97. Wagon, 98. Fowl, 99. Hail, 100. Gilt, 101. Ligh, 102. Fowl, 103. Wagon, 104. Fowl, 105. Hail, 106. Gilt, 107. Ligh, 108. Fowl, 109. Wagon, 110. Fowl, 111. Hail, 112. Gilt, 113. Ligh, 114. Fowl, 115. Wagon, 116. Fowl, 117. Hail, 118. Gilt, 119. Ligh, 120. Fowl, 121. Wagon, 122. Fowl, 123. Hail, 124. Gilt, 125. Ligh, 126. Fowl, 127. Wagon, 128. Fowl, 129. Hail, 130. Gilt, 131. Ligh, 132. Fowl, 133. Wagon, 134. Fowl, 135. Hail, 136. Gilt, 137. Ligh, 138. Fowl, 139. Wagon, 140. Fowl, 141. Hail, 142. Gilt, 143. Ligh, 144. Fowl, 145. Wagon, 146. Fowl, 147. Hail, 148. Gilt, 149. Ligh, 150. Fowl, 151. Wagon, 152. Fowl, 153. Hail, 154. Gilt, 155. Ligh, 156. Fowl, 157. Wagon, 158. Fowl, 159. Hail, 160. Gilt, 161. Ligh, 162. Fowl, 163. Wagon, 164. Fowl, 165. Hail, 166. Gilt, 167. Ligh, 168. Fowl, 169. Wagon, 170. Fowl, 171. Hail, 172. Gilt, 173. Ligh, 174. Fowl, 175. Wagon, 176. Fowl, 177. Hail, 178. Gilt, 179. Ligh, 180. Fowl, 181. Wagon, 182. Fowl, 183. Hail, 184. Gilt, 185. Ligh, 186. Fowl, 187. Wagon, 188. Fowl, 189. Hail, 1

A MATCH OF TWO DISTINCT HALVES



Combined Chinese Beat Austrians 3-2 In The Second Game

By I. M. MacTAVISH

The Hongkong public had the opportunity of a double look at the Wacker soccerites from Austria during the week-end. All in all they found them a very mixed and peppery soccer dish.

In their first appearance against the Hongkong Selection on Saturday the visitors won by 4 goals to 1 in a game that was marred by some really irresponsible conduct by the Wacker players, but will long be remembered for the shockingly poor standard of refereeing and linesmanship. This was the root of all the trouble.

The Hongkong Selection gave a most uninspired display and a few of the players—MacNicol, Lau, Cheung-yee, and Wong Chi-keung—excepted—did anything either to enhance their reputations or justify their place in the side.

Hongkong's Combined Chinese squared the general account yesterday when they beat the Wacker side by 3 goals to 2 in another fairly and fairly tight game. The honour of the victory will therefore be decided when Wacker meet the All-Hongkong side at the Stadium on Wednesday evening, and after what we have seen so far the odds should be in favour of a Hongkong victory. The visitors are no world beaters and a side as temperamental as this one is always in danger of beating itself.

Chinese 3 Wacker 2

Drama and comedy incidents galore... brilliant inter-passing which was usually played across rather than up and down the field... a new and utterly shifty attempt to circumvent the substitution arrangements agreed for the game... an ordering off... a boot examination... and five goals!

There was certainly a bit of everything in this game which was played before some 20,000 spectators at the Hongkong Stadium yesterday, and it depended to a great extent what you want from your football whether you were satisfied or not.

From a purely statistical point of view there will be satisfaction in the fact that the Combined Chinese defeated Wacker by 3-2... but personally I thought in the end it was a bitterly disappointing game.

It was very much a match of two distinct halves. In the first we were treated to a good display of fast inter-passing. The interesting thing was that in spite of their reputation for this sort of stuff the Austrians had to play second fiddle to the local boys... not so much in the relative ability to play the ball accurately from man to man... but in the fact that the Hongkong boys made a much greater effort to do it in the general direction of goal, while the visitors far too often played it across the field and even backwards.

NOTICE

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

Programmes and Entry Forms for the 7th Race Meeting 1957/58 to be held on Saturday 18th and Sunday 25th January, 1958, (weather permitting), may be obtained at the Secretary's Office, Alexandra House, the Club House, Happy Valley, and the Stables, Shan Kwong Road.

Entries close at 12 o'clock NOON on Tuesday, 7th January, 1958.

By Order of the Stewards, A. E. ARNOLD, Secretary.

general cacophony were critical and born in disapproval of the proceedings but, in part at least, it is probably true to say that the crowd assembled in an atmosphere of latent and subconscious hostility.

They had read and heard all about the previous day's strange happenings and early on they were ready to see something sinister in even the most innocent incident.

A Grand Goal By the time the interval arrived they had almost forgotten all about this feeling for the game had been both fast and interesting. Ho Cheung-yu gave them two great opportunities to really blow their lungs out once when he scored a grand goal to put the Combined Chinese in the lead and again when he missed a sitter.

The visitors equalised in simple fashion before the interval and we sat back in keen anticipation of a real cracker-jack of a second half.

What a disappointment it proved to be. An injury to out-of-form Huby upset the balance of the Wacker forward line; a cut leg suffered by Pouch in a clash with a mid in Ho Yung-fun's boot added to the visitors' worries; but there was no excuse for the uncontrolled conduct of right-half Nikischer which resulted in his receiving his marching orders for a foul—cost of several on Mok Chun-wah.

The Austrians lost their poise, their balance, and many friends by their cheap dramatics and things really came to a head when goalkeeper Pelikan decided to take over as boss of the show. The lanky custodian signalled for the reserve goalkeeper to take his place before the kicks while he calmly changed into an ordinary shirt.

This was all against the pre-match agreement and he it to the lasting credit of Mr. Gold, the manager of the Austrian side, he would have none of it. He quickly and sternly ordered the goalkeeper to resume his correct position.

No Surprise The game started some five minutes late after the players had been presented to Mr. N. E. Chan, President of the HKFA and right from the first whistle the Chinese boys matched the intricate passing of the visitors. The play swung from end to end and it was no surprise when after nine minutes Ho Cheung-yu ran brilliantly through the Wacker defence to beat Pelikan and put his side in the lead.

The ball was in the Austrian net again a few minutes later but scorer Ho Ying-fun was this time adjudged to be offside. A very correct decision, too.

Wacker equalised in the 23rd minute, but it was a bad goal as far as the Hongkong side was concerned. Kwok Kam-hung got in difficulty and before he could recover Huby gained possession and had swung the ball into the goalmouth. The Chinese defence was spreadeagled as Wagner thoughtfully nodded the ball to the feet of Brousek and the big centre-forward scored with a half-volley shot that Lau Kin-chung should have saved.

Centre-forward Kwok Moon-wah scored two further goals for the Combined Chinese during the second half which was ruined by many 'unfootball' circumstances, and just before the end Lau Yee gave away a quite unnecessary free kick. Koellek placed the ball beautifully into the goalmouth and

while the Hongkong defence stood rooted to the spot, Brousek headed into the net to finish the scoring.

Both sides sadly lacked a sharpshooter and the only worthwhile shot in the whole game was a second half 20-yarder from Ho Cheung-yu which crashed against the underside of the crossbar with goalkeeper Pelikan completely beaten.

In spite of their victory, which they fully deserved, the Combined Chinese were not a great team. Lau Kin-chung was hesitant and uncertain and he might have saved both goals. Kwok Kam-hung was badly out of his depth in the left half position and Kwok Moon-wah, in spite of his two goals, was not a success at centre-forward. All the old hands did their job well enough with a special word going to Ho Ying-fun, Ho Cheung-yu, Yiu Cheuk-yin, Tang Sum and Szeto Yiu.

The Wacker side lacked a commanding personality. Centre-half Kollman played well enough in a purely defensive way, but was out of position when both Hongkong's second half goals were scored. Pelikan showed none of the previous continental goalkeepers but Forth was a very competent fullback.

Little Effect Wagner played neatly, schemed, passed and plotted to little effect and only Koellek and Haumauer showed any real forward enterprise and bite.

And finally a word about referee Pritchard. This was a most difficult game to handle, but he did his job with a healthy measure of success. I heard him being criticised for tossing Nikischer out of the game... but I believe his timely action... and his unflinching determination to apply the substitution agreement in spirit as well as to the letter... saved this game from deteriorating into an even sordid spectacle than we had to watch on Saturday.

Maybe not everyone agreed with all his decisions, but there would have been few voters for his job who would have done it as sensibly as he did.

Verdict A game full of incident, but lower by any stretch of the imagination could it be called great. The visitors have obviously modelled their play on the Hungarians... the only difference was that the old World Champions always passed with a purpose and had the finishing flash of genius and power to slash a defence to ribbons. The Wacker boys lacked this pay-off power.

... when, Oh when, are we going to see an instruction for the regular pre-match inspection of boots. Must we wait for a major tragedy?

Thousands of British servicemen

Ho Cheung-yu pictured scoring the first goal for the Combined Chinese side in yesterday's soccer match against the touring Austrian Wacker team. Combined Chinese won 3-2. — T. C. Wang Photo.

TOM FINNEY SAYS.....

CLASS GOALKEEPERS ARE NOT SO EASY TO FIND AS THEY USED TO BE

I'm glad to see that football teams are now appreciating the true value of a goalkeeper. When Reg Matthews was transferred from Coventry City to Chelsea there was an outcry that no 'keeper was worth the £22,250 reputed to have been paid for this acrobatic player. Doncaster put the value of Harry Gregg, so I am told, in the £25,000 class. Of course we don't know the exact fees... but why should people boggle when a club are prepared to pay as much money for a goalkeeper as they would for a star forward?

Don't ask me why, but class goalkeepers are not so easy to find as they used to be. One reason for this may be that a goalkeeper is not just a dummy between the sticks in the modern game he is part of the football team. He is there, almost like a third full-back, using astute throws and kicks to start attacks for his own team.

The goalkeeping line is no use to any team. He must be able to read a game and be able to anticipate correctly in coming out of his goal. I suppose Frank Swift really started this style of goalkeeping in Britain. Looking back to pre-war days there were a number of absolutely first-class men—Swift, Sam Eastman, Ted Sagar (Liverpool), Eliaha Scott (Liverpool), Vic (Chelsea), Harry Hibbs (Birmingham)—but the list is far too big to give fully.

The Golden Era

Yet in the golden era when these men played, club managers were not prepared to pay more than £3,000 to £5,000 for a star goalkeeper, although they would pay £10,000 for a star forward.

Pre-war values in this respect were all wrong. A goalkeeper is a specialist, and worth as much and maybe more than any other member of the team. A player in midfield can make a mistake and get away with it. Very often the goalkeeper is left to retrieve the error of the men in front of him, and he dare not make any slips.

He needs to be tough and courageous, fast, agile, an acrobat. And it's the man who cuts out the dangerous cross balls by clever anticipation who is worth more to his team than the man who makes the occasional back-breaking leap on his line to stop a shot.

Merrick's Goal

I lose count of the many goals scored from openings created by quick-thinking goalkeepers. One happened on the day that England sensationally lost Austria in Vienna a few years ago. We were being hard pressed when Gil Merrick made a splendid save and, though harassed, cleared the ball straight to my feet. I was unmarked momentarily, and I pushed the ball through the middle. The Austrian defence was caught out of position, and Nat Lofthouse, after a long thrilling run, held off his challengers and scored the winning goal.

It brought the house down. Thousands of British servicemen

Sports Diary

TOMORROW

Entries Close for 7th Race Meeting at Noon.
Racing for 7th Race Meeting at Noon.
Ladies' Golf (1st round).
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Captain's Cup.

SATURDAY'S RUGBY

Police XV Share Honours With Army In Pentangular First Round Match

By "PAK LO"

On Saturday afternoon, in the first round of the Pentangular Tournament the one team which was expected to smash all opposition to wit the Army, had to go all out to draw with the up and coming Police XV, who playing as they have not done for years completely spoiled the Army's attacks and were seldom seen in their own half of the field.

Only a last minute try by Haddow pulled the game out of the fire for the Army making the final score Police—8 points (1 goal, 1 penalty goal), Army—8 points (1 goal, 1 try).

In the first game the Club fell badly in the first half, and the Navy led at half time by ten points (2 goals) to nil, but in the second half a rejuvenated Club attack scored three goals to make it 15-10 and give the Club two important points in the Tournament.

Club "B" went down in a very scrappy game to the RAF by 16 points (2 goals, 1 try, 1 penalty goal) to nil. In both the major games the one outstanding thing was the poor refereeing. The referee in the first game failed to see most of the knock-ons, and was seldom up with the ball, and at one point when game became very rough, the referee, for once blowing his whistle with unaccustomed authority sent two men off the field.

Personally, I disagreed with his orders, for to start with, he was never near enough to the incident at any time to have men what happened and a warning would have been more than sufficient.

The referee for the second game was a little better, though he too missed much, and it is to be hoped the referees in question will get some lessons from their seniors. Oddly enough one of the better referees was busy at the Club "B" — RAF game, when his presence was more obviously needed elsewhere.

The other game between the Tanks and the Navy "XV" was cancelled at the last minute due to an administrative fault on the Army's side.

Club v Navy

The Navy tore into this game right from the word go, and the Club backs throughout the first half. They paid special attention to O'Kelly and it was Cheong who partly saved the day. The rest of the Club thores covered badly, and were not at all helped by the large gap the Club forwards continually left in their lineouts between the fifth and sixth man.

Why this space was left will never be known, but the Navy forwards poured through it on every occasion, and spoiled many a good Club move. The only Club forwards to shine in the first half were Williams and Winkley, the former nearly ran himself ragged in the loose, but he did not get the backing he should have.

The Navy on the other hand made most of their chances. Thomas especially being their outstanding player. The Navy three moved well, but their passing needed tightening up, and their covering in defence was weak. The Navy wing forwards Vallings and Brady deserve mention for their fast breaching, and though often offside the referee failed to notice. He also failed to see many of the Navy forwards going into the loose mauls from the wrong side of the scrum, while he

left the loose mauls where they had become stuck, far too long.

In the second half the Club forwards really got into the battle and their three began to move to very good effect, and once they had opened the scoring they looked certain to win, and win they did.

In the opening minutes O'Kelly missed a penalty attempt from 35 yards out, and then the Navy took charge. From half way, where there was a lineout the ball swung smartly across the Navy three to Watson who cut through to score under the posts. Thomas converted, 8-0.

For the next 15 minutes the Club were under continuous pressure, with the Navy kicking their way down the touchline and despite one or two good individualistic Club attacks, led by Williams, the Club did not look happy. Then from the Club 25 the Navy forwards took the ball on at their feet and a hack ahead sent it over the line for Thomas to drop on it and score half way out. He then converted his own try, 10-0.

Usual Spirit In the last minute a quick interception by Elkins gave the Club a chance, and he broke through, and passed out to Dalgleish, but the latter seemed to lack his usual spirit and was easily tackled into touch.

Navy started an attack in the second half, but before it could fully develop Club kicked back to the halfway where they found touch. The ball went to Dalgleish who cut in from the wing to take O'Kelly's pass and make an extra man, and he sent the ball out. O'Kelly converted 10-5.

Another Club attack with the three moving sweetly saw Ingalls break through, but as he crossed the line he was held in mid-air by two Navy players, who were going to hold him up that they forgot the ball which went loose, for Campbell to dive on it and score. O'Kelly converted 10-10.

Club kept up strong pressure from now until the end, but did not seem able to break through. At one point O'Kelly tried a drop but it was charged down, then a kick to the Navy's fullbacks hands gave Navy a chance to clear, but Freeman slipped and fell on his own line and Williams grabbed the ball from him and slammed it down over the line to make it 15-10 as O'Kelly again converted.

Police v Army The Army took the field like conquerors and left with their tails between their legs, for from the start the Police attacked, attacked and attacked. Everyone waited expectantly for the Police to crack up under the strain but they kept going right to the bitter end.

Club "B" v RAF

A scrappy game with the RAF forwards taking the honours with some good hooking in the set scrums despite the heavier weight of the Club "B" pack. Otherwise the two XV's were about equal.

Cornah had his usual game and Taylor was the star of the Airman, while Lal had a scrum half one of his best games to date, but his outside half did not feed his three with the result that the Club three were continually on the defensive, while the Airman's three passed better than they have done for some time.

Watt and Little scored a try each in the first half with Watt converting his own try to make it 5-0 at half-time. In the second half Little intercepted a woolly pass near the Club "B" line and went over for Watt to convert. Watt finally added another three points for a penalty conversion, 10-0.

THE GAMBOLS

DEAR DIARY...

NOW WHAT CAN I PUT IN IT? LET ME THINK...

WELL, THAT'S NOT WORRYING ME, IS IT?

ALL I EVER FORGET THAT THERE'S NO NEED TO WRITE IT IN MY DIARY

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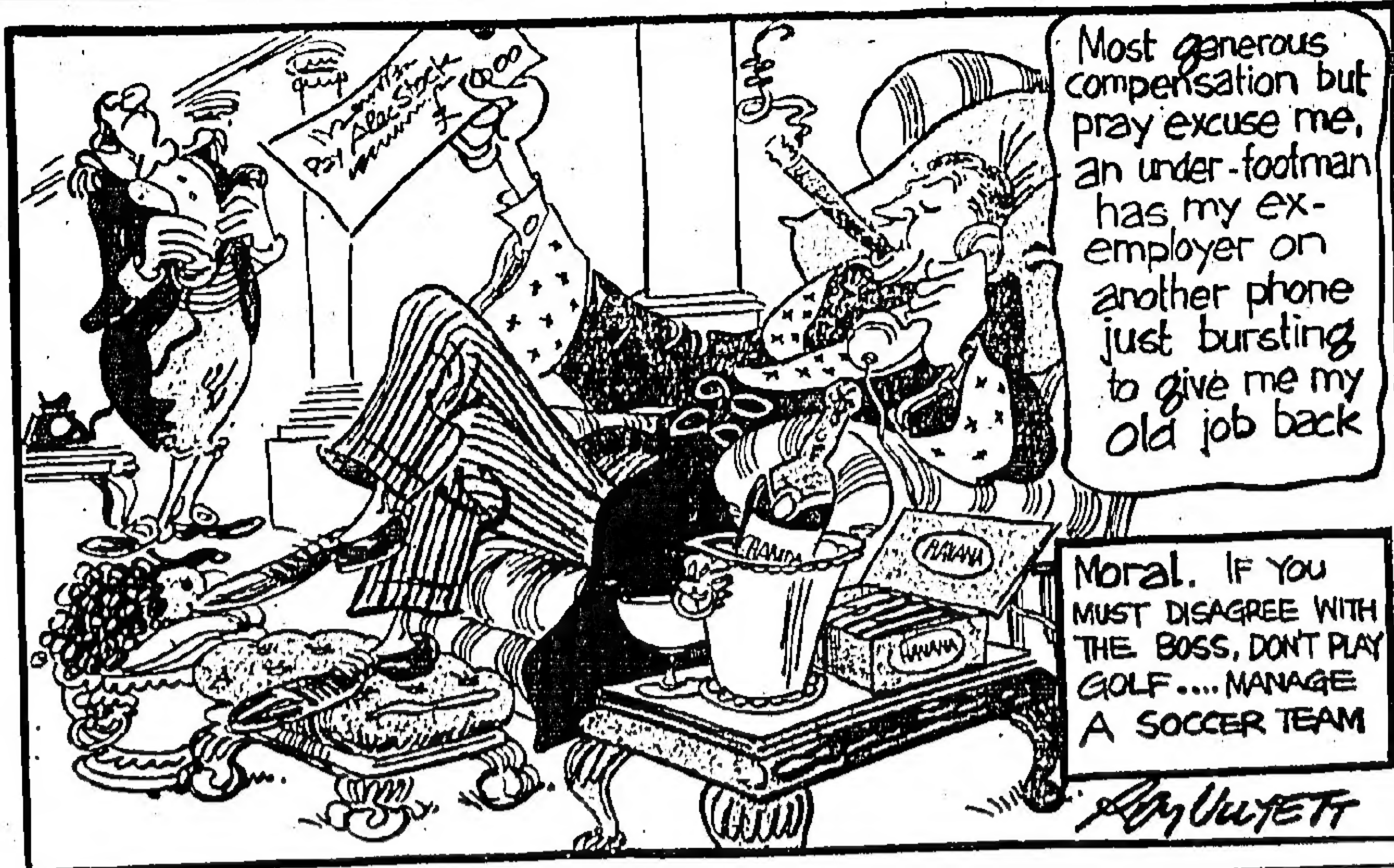
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ONLY FOUR WEEK-END SOFTBALL GAMES PLAYED



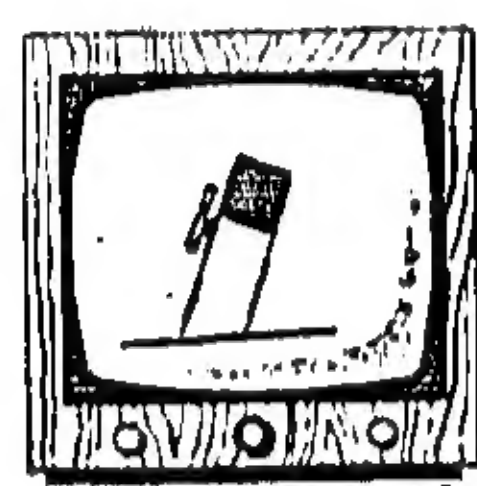
Moral. If you MUST DISAGREE WITH THE BOSS, DON'T PLAY GOLF... MANAGE A SOCCER TEAM

First Major Slalom Victory For Frenchman

Switzerland, Jan. 5. Charles Bozon (France) won the first Major Slalom. Event of the International Ski season here today with a total time of 113.7 seconds for two runs down a 54-gate course with a drop of 170 metres.

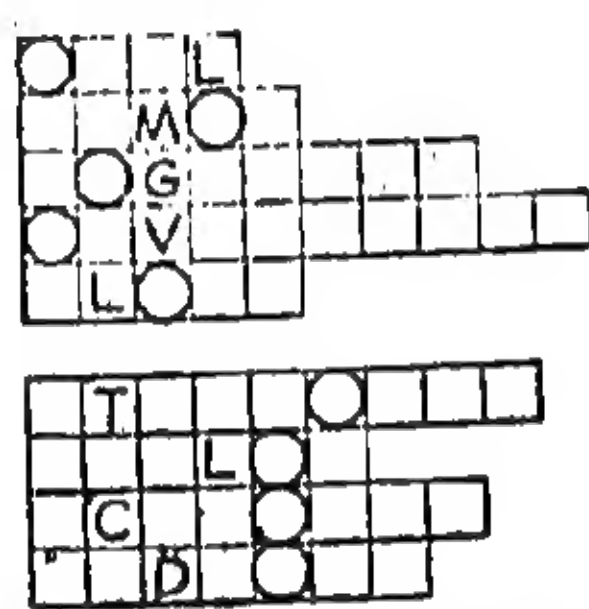
Ernst Hinterseer (Austria), a rising candidate for the last remaining place in the Austrian team for the World Championships at Bad Gastein next month, was second with 114.3.

Georges Schneider (Switzerland) was third with 115.1. Chiharu Iwata (Japan), Olympic Slalom medalist, and Rupert Suter (Switzerland), were equal fourth with 116.3.—Reuter.



NAMESAKES

INSTRUCTIONS: Fill in the spaces against each of the clues below with a word related to my life. The letters in circles spell out my name. Who am I?



Solution on Page 9

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PRESSURISED DC-6 SERVICE

Austers Continue Their Merry Winning Streak In The Junior League

By "TIME OUT"

Of the six softball games down for decision over the week-end, only four were played off as both contingents from Caroline Hill failed to show up at the ball park and had to forfeit their games.

However, the South China ladies didn't make it a hat-trick because they turned out in full force to massacre a valiant but extremely inexperienced Overseas squad by the incredible score of 36 runs to 2! "Peanut" Yim faced 17 batters in a five-inning game and struck out 9 while her colleagues banged out 15 hits to complete the route.

In the Junior League the Austers continued on their merry winning way with a 10-3 victory over Wah Ying, skipper Dave Cooper narrowly missing another no-hitter as David Kwok registered the losers' sole hit of the game. The Cheyennes had to fight hard before beating the University by 10 runs to 2, while in the only Senior League game of the day, the champion Salts went on a scoring spree against the US Navy team, from the "Ore" winning by 23 runs to 7. The only bright feature of this game was Navy catcher Macgregor, two triples which cleared the right-field fence with yards to spare, otherwise the sailors were completely out of their depth in a game, the outcome of which, was never in doubt right from the start.

Fast Pitching

"Peanut" Yim's no-hitter against the Overseas also receives honourable mention. The diminutive South China star was steadiness personified on the mound as she had the unfortunate Overseas girls swinging lustily but futilely at her fast pitching.

Undoubtedly the best game of the week was that between the Junior League pennant contenders, the Cheyennes and the lads from the Hongkong University. Barely three short weeks ago, my use of the word

"rocky" as applied to the Cheyennes came in for some criticism from this team's staunchest supporters. Justification for my choice of adjectives was quite apparent yesterday when the Cheyennes once again put on a show of bravado against the University by making an almost complete reshuffle of their infield.

This failed to humour the spectators and least of all the University as the under-graduates led the Cheyennes in the first two innings, playing errorless ball and, but for a bad spell in the 3rd inning would have pulled off a big upset, finally bowling out by 10-2.

Eduardo Ribeiro took the rubber for the Cheyennes with Gerry Noronha catching. Robert Remedios at first and Manuel Xavier at shortstop which was indeed a strange combination as these players were not in their regular positions. Batting first the Cheyennes were unable to score a run and the University enjoyed a one-run lead in the bottom half of this inning. Frank Wong got a base on balls and advanced to third on a wild throw that missed the glove of shortstop Manuel Xavier. A wild pitch saw Wong striding across home plate for the U's first run. K.L. Tang was left stranded on third after Arthur Van Langenberg and Manuel Nunes both failed to push him across for a vital run.

The Deadlock

In the top of the second the Cheyennes tied it at one-all when Robert Remedios scored on Manuel Xavier's hit to centre-field, but the University broke the deadlock when George Chien made it 2-1 on catcher Gerry Noronha's fumble.

It was at this stage that Manager Robert Remedios finally realised that all this horseplay was getting his side nowhere. Regular hurler "Cigar" Sequiera hurriedly replaced Ed Ribeiro and with other positional changes in the infield the Cheyennes settled down to business in earnest to shut out the University for the rest of the game.

Three hunt-hits and two singles later, in the top of the third, accounted for five big runs for the Cheyennes. Manuel Xavier then drew a lot of attention to himself in the top of the fifth inning with a brilliant display of base-running when he quickly plattered second, third and finally home plate before the University boys realised just what had hit them.

Another Triple

Now leading 7-2 the Cheyennes eased up a little, but in their final turn at bat, after one away, Robert Remedios banged a triple to right-field scoring later on Manuel Xavier's punt to pitcher George Chien. Eric Remedios obliged with another triple and then scored on an infield error.

The University pulled off a snappy double-play in this last inning when pitcher Chien threw David Uzman out at first and the subsequent relay from first-sacker Tong to third-baseman Langenberg slipped "Cigar" Sequiera on the way to the hot corner. The University went down in quick order in the last of the seventh to concede victory to the Cheyennes. Although the winners made 10 errors to the losers' 3 they outdid the University and the reason for their superior batting strength, Manuel Xavier, stealing the show with a perfect 4-in-4 effort.

SOCCER NEWS

Archie Macaulay Lifts Norwich City To The Role Of Promotion Favourites

By JAMES CONNOLLY

Archie Macaulay has worked a miracle with Norwich City. In four months he has transformed them from the bottom-of-the-table failures of last season to become bright promotion favourites.

And he has done it with only three new men in the team. "I felt that on ability my team matched anything in the Third Division," he told me. "But they lacked confidence, so I had to make them believe in themselves, as I did."

"I just hammered away, telling them that they could do it—and it worked. They are playing now with all the confidence in the world."

Reward for the players is that they are on top money of £17 a week in the first team. Reward for the club... home games are up £1,000 a match. Reward for Archie... the board give him full co-operation without interference.

Each week at the after-match conference players and directors join in a consensual criticism of the game. No puns are pulled-out, the atmosphere says happy. The training routine is tough, but just to show that it isn't too tough, Archie joins in... and enjoys it.

Swindon have offered a three-year contract to manager Bert Read, who has just turned down big money and a five-year contract at Wrexham.

Latest Target

Latest target for the right-wing-seeking big-spenders is George Hord (22), the Clyde and young Scotland starlet.

Newcastle, Everton, and Sunderland are rivals for the ex-Queen's Park star.

Their interest rockets his value into the £20,000-plus class.

Duncan Edwards has been given another important job by Manchester United. He is to take the penalty kicks in future. The young England wing-half with a terrific shot has been practicing strenuously ever since.

Johnny Berry's second failure recently has resulted in Edward's promotion. Even skipper Roger Byrne, England left back, has had a poor record over recent seasons.

Malcolm McDonald, Brentford's new boss, plans ahead. He hopes to take two boys from his youth side to watch first team matches every week.

"That will give them the atmosphere," he says, "and an idea of what is expected of them later on."

When Ipswich manager Alf Ramsey made Ted "Goal a Match" Phillips his official

Nairobi, Jan. 5. Kenya Kongonis beat the MCC touring cricket team by seven wickets off the last ball of the game here today.

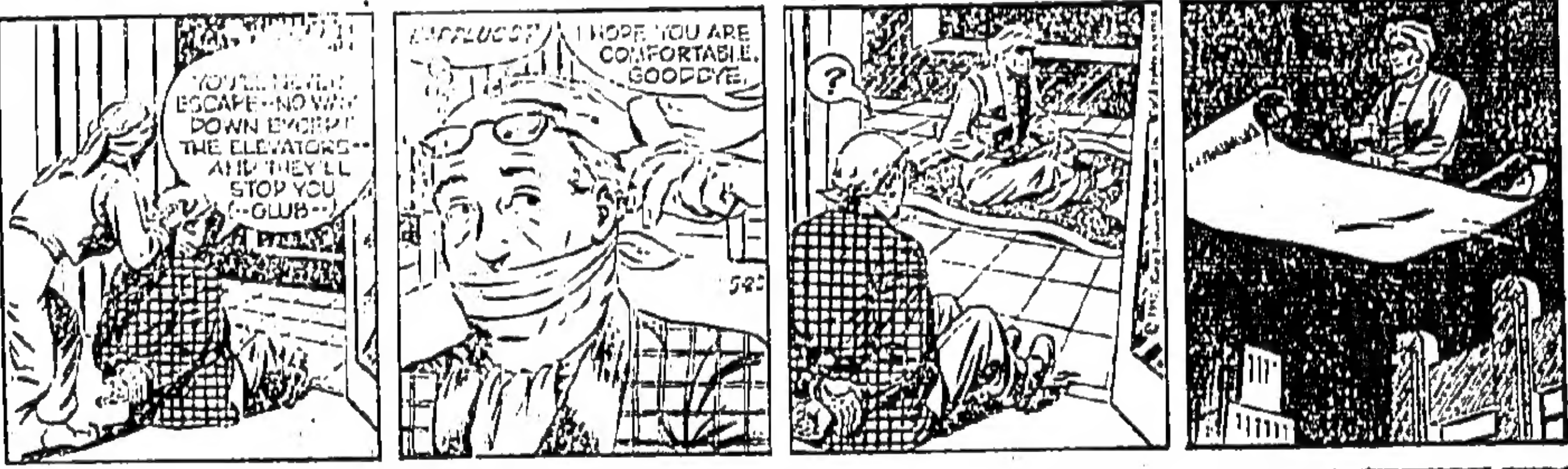
Final scores: MCC 340 for 7 declared and 115 for 6 declared. Kenya Kongonis 245 for 7 declared and 211 for 3.—Reuter.

BASKETBALL

Helsinki, Jan. 5. Finland beat Sweden by 62-50 in a basketball match at Turku, Southwest Finland, today. The half time score was 30-19.—Reuter.

MANDRAKE THE MAGICIAN

By Lee Falk and Phil Davis

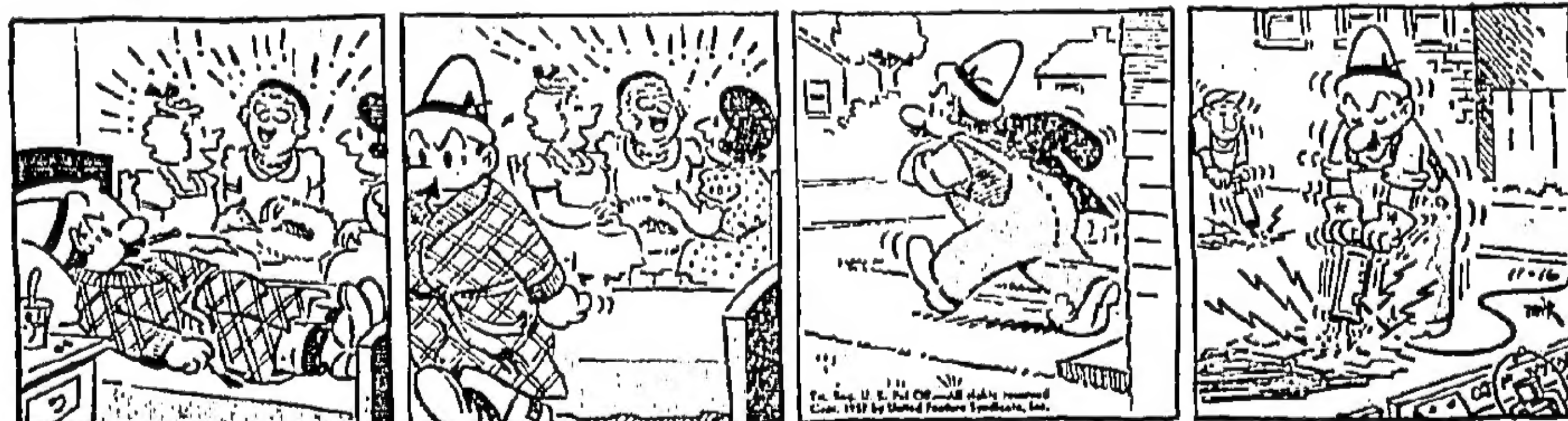


There's More Than Magic about CADBURY'S



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Central India Tennis Tourney

Allahabad, Jan. 5. Ulf Schmidt, the Swedish Davis Cup player, beat Ramnath Krishnan, India's Number One, 6-3, 6-1, 6-4 to win the Singles title in the Central India Lawn Tennis Tournament here today. Krishnan and Ramnath Kumar beat the British pair Billy Knight and Tony Rickard 2-6, 6-4, 6-4 to win the Doubles final.—Reuter.



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UPRISING IN FRENCH CAMEROONS

Paris, Jan. 5. France shipped troops to the Cameroons today to crush a Communist-led rising there before it builds up into a little Algeria.

The Defence Minister, Jacques Chaban-Delmas, is sending to the African territory two companies of rifles at the request of the Cameroons Prime Minister, Andre-Marie Mbida, officials disclosed.

They will help the 1,500 French troops in the Cameroons fight the local militia of the Mau Mau—shock troops of the Communist-led union Des Populations Du Cameroun (UPC) movement.

An estimated 800 followers of the extremist movement armed with hatchets, shot-guns and rusty axes have taken refuge in the Sangha Maritime Region and have been terrorising the 3,100,000 populace of the 160,000-mile territory.

MURDER

The rebels have murdered dozens of villagers, burned down 60 villages in their drive for independence of the African territory, which is under joint United Nations and French trusteeship.

Leaning the movement is 40-year-old Ruben Um Nyobye, a former court scribe educated in French mission schools who later became an ardent Communist militant.

Most of his armed followers do not care about politics. They regard him as a prophet. They claim he has a magic power and they swear over a turtle to kill anybody who would betray him. They even say that he was fattened by one of the feared "Leopard Men."

DISBANDED

Um Nyobye, however, claims he is a Christian, although his follower offer sacrifices to him during night feasts in the deep jungles under the UPC's flag—a black crab against a red background.

Um Nyobye formed his revolutionary movement in 1948. It was disbanded in 1955 after its first armed disturbances. The insurgents lost much influence after France gave her African possessions a large measure of home-rule in 1956.—United Press.

AMERICAN MOTHERS ARRIVE

Cross Border To See Their Sons

Three American mothers who have campaigned ceaselessly for the right to visit their sons imprisoned in China, arrived by air this morning from the United States and after a short stay, motored to the border and crossed into Chinese territory about 11 o'clock.

SOEKARNO LEAVES

Djakarta, Jan. 6. President Soekarno left Djakarta today for India by air to begin a six-week health rest in six Afro-Asian countries.—Reuter.

ALLEGED ASSASSINS

Manila, Jan. 6. Three alleged would-be assassins of a Filipino Congressman, a ranking political lieutenant of President Carlos Garcia, were charged in court yesterday with an "impossible crime."

The charge, puzzled veteran criminal investigators who had earlier tagged the attempt on the life of the Congressman, Bartolome Cabangbang as "frustrated murder."

Murdering a man who is already dead is considered an impossible crime, together with ineffectual measures to carry out the criminal attempt.

Cabangbang's case fell under the second category since the accused used hand grenades which could not explode since they had no primer.

The motive for the assassination attempt has not been established and what made it more puzzling was that the accused were rabid supporters of Garcia.—France-Press.

They were met at the airport by a large group of newsmen, photographers and movie cameramen and after a brief interview, they were taken by a Red Cross car to the border.

The three mothers are Mrs. Ruth Redmond of Yonkers, New York; Mrs. John Downey of New Britain, Connecticut and Mrs. Philip G. Fecteau of Lynn, Massachusetts. Mrs. Downey was accompanied by her younger son William, recently discharged from the US Army.

Sentences

The three sons imprisoned by the Chinese are Hugh Redmond, 33, a representative of an American firm in Shanghai, who was sentenced to life imprisonment six years ago on an espionage charge; John T. Downey, 27, and Richard Fecteau, 30, both civilian employees of the US Air Force who were convicted of spying. Downey was sentenced to life and Fecteau was given 20 years.

Mrs. Downey said this morning: "When I first heard of the loss of my son, I was heartbroken." She added that she was looking forward to the China trip with enthusiasm. She said they would remain in China for about a fortnight but did not know how and where they would meet their sons. Mrs. Downey declined to comment when asked if she and her companions would appeal to the Chinese authorities for the release of their sons.

Relaxation

The mothers are taking with them knitted socks for their sons as well as food and vitamin tablets.

They are travelling under a relaxation of the State Department ban on travel to China. They received their visas from the Chinese late last month and they immediately mapped out their plans for the trip.

Bird Victim Of Rocket

London, Jan. 6. A death caused by the firing of a "ground-to-air missile" in the London area is reported today.

The 21st London Bird Report, issued by the city's Natural History Society, records that a woodcock was 'brought down in southeast London by a rocket fired on Guy Fawkes night. This night of revelry—November 5—recalls an unsuccessful attempt to blow up Parliament.—Reuter.

Lovers In Cemetery

Manila, Jan. 6. The authorities of Cavite City, just south of Manila, put their foot down last weekend when they learned that romantic couples had converted the city's cemetery into a lovers' lane.

The City Council has passed a resolution banning unauthorized persons from the cemetery at night.—France-Press.

Verdon-Roe Dies

Portsmouth, Jan. 5. Sir Alister Verdon-Roe, one of Britain's aviation development pioneers and the founder of A. V. Roe & Co. Ltd., died in a hospital here last night. It was announced today.

Later Lord bought an interest in S. E. Saunders, Ltd. and from this beginning grew the Saunders-Roe Company, of which he was President.—United Press.

WOT! MICE?—BAIRNSFATHER



This iron-girder-wooden-plank wharf of the Star Ferry Company has given half a century of faithful service and now has to give way to progress. A Star Ferry Co. Official says all records were lost but as far as he could remember the wharf and clock tower were built about 50 years ago.—China Mail.

US Attorney On Way To China

Mr. A. L. Wirin, an attorney for the American Civil Liberties Union, arrived by air today on his way to China in an effort to get evidence for an ellent.

Mr. Wirin is Defence Attorney for Mr. John W. Powell of San Francisco and Mrs. Sylvia Powell who are accused of sedition.

The US Government charges the couple with printing stories saying that the US was engaged in germ warfare in the Korean War.

"I do not anticipate any difficulty in China," Mr. Wirin said this morning, adding that he felt sure the Chinese would make available to him all information and documents accrued up to now. He said that he hoped to be able to arrange for about 100 prospective witnesses to go to San Francisco where the Powell case would be tried before the Federal Court.

Mr. Wirin expressed his hope of meeting the Chinese and North Korean Premiers while visiting China.

Two Killed In Traffic Accidents

A woman was killed in a traffic accident in Clear Water Bay Road yesterday.

The woman, Ng Kin-yau, aged 53, sustained fatal injuries while alighting from a moving bus. She lived at No. 181A, Kowloon City Road, 5th floor.

She died before admission to Kowloon Hospital.

A 30-year-old Chinese, Leo Yan-chong, who was knocked down by a bicycle in Des Voeux Road Central, near Gilman Street on the morning of December 21, succumbed to his injuries in Queen Mary Hospital last Saturday afternoon.

The man lived at No. 4, Wai-sun Lane, second floor. A man was arrested following the theft of a pair of trousers from a private car parked in Jaffe Road at about 3 a.m. on Saturday.

Sailor Robbed

A sum of money was stolen from an American sailor in Lockhart Road at about 9.30 p.m. on Saturday.

Fine Oboe Recital At University

By R. A. BONES

The production of a fine instrumental tone is a welding together of the art of the performer and the craftsmanship of the instrument maker. Even the finest violinist in the world cannot produce more than his instrument is capable of. But tone production in an instrument like the oboe is far more the prerogative of the performer.

Only from two oboists have I heard what might be considered as the ultimate in oboe tone. One of these is Ian Wilson who gave his only recital in Hongkong last night in the Locke Yow Hall of the University.

Tone alone is not the answer to the superb performance we heard last night. It has to be combined with supreme musicianship and a complete understanding of the music.

Programme

One of the most outstanding items which Mr. Wilson chose to play was the Air and Rondo by Handel. In particular, the Rondo was a revelation with exquisite phrasing and pointing of the notes. I would also place the fourth Sonata of Holford high on the list for the second movement which had a haunting ethereal quality which was almost unbelievable.

Mr. Wilson also played a Pastoral by Grieg, Rondo Lirico by Piffredo and a lovely Sonata in C Major by an early eighteenth century composer Locatelli.

These items formed the second half of the programme and in all of them Mr. Wilson was accompanied by Moya Rea. To hear these two artists, one would have thought that they had been playing together for many years and not just for the few days rehearsal they actually had.

Orchestra

Before the interval, the soloist was accompanied by the strings of the Hongkong Philharmonic Orchestra conducted by Arrigo Foa and led by S. M. Bard.

The last twice that I have heard this orchestra they have not been quite up to their usual high standard and have been a trifle ragged. I am pleased to say that their performance last night was amongst the best that I have heard them and apart from a slight timidity from the second violins, there was good unison and a sympathetic and responsive accompaniment.

Together they played the Sinfonia to the Easter Oratorio by Bach and a violin concerto by Corvelli arranged for Oboe and Strings by Barbirolli. These two items did, however, make rather a short first half to the programme.

The printed programme was not up to the usual standard we have come to expect in Hongkong. It saves considerable embarrassment to the performer

SEIZURE OF GOLD APPEAL

An appeal against a Magistrate's forfeiture order in respect of 1,883 tins of gold seized by Revenue officers on board a vessel more than two years ago was heard before Mr Justice A. D. Scholes in the Appeals Court this morning.

The appellant is Chu Hian-foon, a seaman of the ss Hong-yang. He was represented by Mr Y. H. Chan, of Messrs Lau, Chan and Ko.

Mr D. F. O. Mayne, Crown Counsel, is representing the Crown.

The seizure was made on December 30, 1955. Mr Hian-foon, 40, Central Magistrate, made the forfeiture order on June 6, last year, on the application of the Commerce and Industry Department.

The grounds of appeal were that the Magistrate had no jurisdiction to order the forfeiture inasmuch as it could only be ordered in respect of a breach of regulations, and not in breach of an order in Council; and that the record of a criminal case was wrongly admitted into the proceedings.

ANNEXED

Mr Chan told the Court that a judgment in respect of the criminal case, was one of the documents annexed to the record.

In that case, the Magistrate had found that the defendant had failed to discharge a statutory onus of proof, and convicted him.

The charge had been one of attempting to export goods without a licence, Mr Chan said.

Also enclosed with the record, he continued, was a statement of facts delivered by the same Magistrate in respect of an appeal against the conviction. In it, Mr Lo reaffirmed his finding that the defendant had failed to discharge the onus.

Turning to the evidence of arrest which had been given by Revenue officers in support of the forfeiture application, Mr Chan contended that there was a lack of evidence of an offence having been committed by his client.

INCUMBENT

Mr Chan maintained that it was incumbent on the Crown to prove that an offence of attempting to export had been committed, before a forfeiture order could be made, irrespective of whether anyone was convicted.

In his evidence, his client had said that he held a proprietary interest in the gold, which had belonged to his uncle, Mr Chan said.

HUT FIRE

One wooden hut was destroyed by a fire which occurred at Ma Shan Village, Shaikwan, shortly before 10.30 o'clock this morning.

The fire was brought under control in 20 minutes.

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"Is it important enough to wake up the baby sitter, Dad? She's asleep, and Tommy and I are making candy!"

From the Files

25 years AGO

TENDERS are now being called for the work comprising of the construction of a toe wall and a filling-in of an area at Victoria Gap, the Peak, together with the widening of a short length of Harlech Road and any other contingent works. This should remove complaints at the inadequacy of the parking accommodations at the Upper Peak Tram Station when the new parking ground is laid out.

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Nearly \$40 out of a total of \$50 paid by a customer for seven rolls of cloth delivered from the Kwong Lun drapers' store at 150, Main Street, has been found to be counterfeit money.

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SHANGHAI: The Finance Minister, Mr T.V. Soong, announces that a well-equipped Central Mint will open on March 1 for the coining into dollars of silver tendered by the public at a conversion rate of 71½ taels per dollar.

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Nanking: The Panchan Lama, who assumed office recently as Pacification Commissioner of Tibet, will shortly be admitted to the Kuomintang.

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THE option of a fine was refused a young Chinese, who was convicted by Mr Wynne-Jones at Central on a charge of disorderly conduct by throwing a stone at an Indian constable. The incident occurred at a football match at Caroline Hill, when in regulating the crowd, the Indian constable warned a number of Chinese against climbing the rails. The defendant stoned the constable.

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The directors of Messrs Doran Long, Ltd., of Middlebrook, announce in their annual report that they incurred a loss of £247,000 on the Sydney Harbour Bridge contract. No reason is given by the directors.

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THE maximum temperature during the past month was reached on Christmas Day with 77 degrees, and the minimum on December 7 with 47 degrees. The rainfall recorded was 4.23 inches.

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While hanging up a basket, Chan Wei-wei, 16, living on the first floor of No. 5 Li Shing Street, tripped over the basket-trade of the verandah into the street, and suffered injuries leading to her admission to the Government Civil Hospital.

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MELBOURNE: Australia avenged their Sydney defeat and won the Second Test match here by 111 runs. Ten thousand saw the commencement of the match and 20,000 saw the closing stages. Don Bradman made 100, not out for Australia in the second innings.

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New York: The United States Biological Survey Bureau at Denver reports the discovery that the bulb of the Oriental flower, Red Spout, will kill rats without injuring other animals or human beings.

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LONDON: As was expected in view of the general depression in trade and lessened activity in financial markets, the turnover of bills, cheques, etc. at the London Bankers' clearance house in 1957 showed a decline of 11.3 per cent as compared with the previous year.

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The Hongkong Rotary Club held their first meeting of the year yesterday at Gloucester Building, when 15 new members were welcomed. Mr. E. H. Ayres, of Zanesville, USA, spoke of the endeavor to make a trip around the world in 40 days.

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